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EXCEEDS AFFORESTATION TARGET -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 40, 16 Feb 50

Kreis Wernigerode exceeded its afforestation target for 1949 by 150 percent. Five hundred hectares of forests were newly planted and two large-scale nurseries were laid out, which are to furnish some 5 million trees within the next few years.

The 1950 plan provides for the afforestation of 750 hectares of totally deforested areas.

TO PLANT 3,000 HECTARES OF MEDICINAL HERBS -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 12, 11 Feb 50

Soviet Zone Germany will plant 3,000 hectares of medicinal herbs in 1950, consisting chiefly of peppermint, valerian, and fennel.

Collection of wild herbs, berries, and flowers will be limited to 30-40 of the most important ones, such as camomile, linden flowers, arnica, wild thyme, and lesser centaury (erythraea centaureum).

Collection of empty poppy heads, an important source of morphine, is to be intensified.

MECKLENBURG INCREASES LIVESTOCK BREEDING -- Bauern Echo, No 9, 11 Jan 50

Mecklenburg's 1949 target for livestock breeding has been fully met and in some instances even exceeded.

The following table compares the numbers of livestock in Mecklenburg before the war with the number just after the war and at present, and also includes the planned figures for 1950.

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>Dec 1949</u>	<u>1950 Plan</u>
Horses	192,874	130,960	168,491	179,000
Horned cattle	758,472	368,130	699,755	760,000
Hogs	1,162,800	151,191	929,508	1,160,000
Sheep	439,340	79,355	170,477	178,000
Goats	20,505	6,744	58,009	70,000
Poultry	--	--	3,655,155	--
Beehives	--	--	78,738	--

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